

What is claimed is:

1        1.    A liquid separator for a gas analyzer, said  
2    liquid separator comprising:  
3        a closed container including a sample inlet port,  
4    a sample outlet port, and a low pressure port;  
5        said container defining a liquid collection  
6    chamber;  
7        a liquid trap filter chamber integral with said  
8    container, said liquid trap filter chamber including  
9    an inlet compartment interposed between said sample  
10   inlet port and said sample outlet port for receiving a  
11   gas sample introduced into said sample inlet port,  
12   said inlet compartment having an upper outlet  
13   communicated with said sample outlet port and a lower  
14   outlet communicated with said liquid collection  
15   chamber; and  
16        a liquid trap filter element contained in said  
17   inlet compartment interposed between said sample inlet  
18   port and said sample outlet port for separating liquid  
19   from the gas sample, liquid separated from the gas  
20   sample passing through said lower outlet to said  
21   collection chamber.

1        2.    The liquid separator according to claim 1,  
2    wherein said inlet compartment includes a barrier  
3    interposed between said filter element and said sample  
4    outlet port, said barrier defining said upper outlet.

1        3.    The liquid separator according to claim 2,  
2    wherein said liquid trap filter chamber includes a  
3    cover which encloses said filter element within said  
4    inlet compartment.

4. The liquid separator according to claim 3,  
wherein said cover includes at least one concave  
filter engaging surface engaging said filter element  
to trap said filter element between said cover and  
said barrier.

5. The liquid separator according to claim 1,  
wherein said filter element comprises a membrane  
bearing a polytetrafluoroethylene laminate.

6. The liquid separator according to claim 1,  
wherein said liquid trap filter chamber includes an  
outlet compartment interposed between said collection  
chamber and said low pressure port, said outlet  
compartment having an inlet communicated with said  
collection chamber and an outlet communicated with  
said low pressure port, and a second liquid trap  
filter element contained in said outlet compartment  
interposed between said inlet and said outlet of said  
outlet compartment.

7. The liquid separator according to claim 6,  
wherein said outlet compartment includes a barrier  
interposed between said second filter element and said  
low pressure port, said barrier defining said outlet  
port of said outlet compartment.

8. The liquid separator according to claim 6,  
wherein said second filter element comprises a  
membrane bearing a polytetrafluoroethylene laminate.

9. The liquid separator according to claim 1,  
and including a self-sealing filter in at least one of  
said sample outlet port and said low pressure port.

10. A liquid separator for a gas analyzer, said liquid separator comprising:

- a sample inlet port;
- a sample outlet port;
- an inlet compartment having an inlet in fluid communication with said sample inlet port for receiving a gas sample introduced into said sample inlet port, said inlet compartment having an upper outlet communicated with said sample outlet port;
- a liquid collection chamber in fluid communication with said inlet compartment for receiving liquid from said inlet compartment;
- a low pressure port;
- an outlet compartment interposed between said collection chamber and said low pressure port, said outlet compartment having an inlet communicated with said collection chamber and an outlet communicated with said low pressure port; and
- a gas permeable, liquid impermeable filter element contained in one of said inlet compartment and said outlet compartment, interposed between said inlet and outlet of said one compartment for substantially preventing flow of liquid while allowing the flow of gas from said inlet to said outlet of said one compartment.

11. The liquid separator according to claim 10, wherein said filter element is contained in said inlet compartment interposed between said sample inlet port and said upper outlet for separating liquid from the gas sample.

12. The liquid separator according to claim 10,  
wherein said filter element is contained in said  
outlet compartment interposed between said inlet of  
said outlet compartment and said outlet of said outlet  
compartment for substantially preventing the passage  
of liquid through said outlet compartment to said low  
pressure port.

13. The liquid separator according to claim 10,  
wherein at least said one compartment includes a cover  
separating said inlet and outlet compartments.

14. A liquid separator according to claim 10,  
wherein said filter element comprises a membrane  
bearing a polytetrafluoroethylene laminate.

15. The liquid separator according to claim 10,  
including a self-sealing filter in at least one of  
said sample outlet port and said low pressure port.

16. A liquid separator for a gas analyzer, said  
liquid separator comprising:

a sample inlet port;

a sample outlet port;

an inlet compartment having an upper outlet  
communicated with said sample outlet and a lower  
outlet communicated with said collection chamber;

a gas permeable, liquid impermeable filter  
element contained in said inlet compartment interposed  
between said sample inlet port and said upper outlet  
for separating liquid from the gas sample;

said inlet compartment including a barrier  
interposed between said filter element and said sample

14 outlet port, said barrier defining said upper outlet;  
15 and  
16 a liquid collection chamber for receiving liquid  
17 passed through said lower outlet of said inlet  
18 compartment.

1 17. The liquid separator according to claim 16,  
2 including an outlet compartment interposed between  
3 said collection chamber and said low pressure outlet,  
4 said outlet compartment having an inlet communicated  
5 with said collection chamber and an outlet  
6 communicated with said low pressure port, and a second  
7 gas permeable, liquid impermeable filter element  
8 contained in said outlet trap filter compartment  
9 interposed between said inlet and said outlet of said  
10 outlet trap filter compartment.

1 18. The liquid separator according to claim 17,  
2 wherein said first-mentioned and said second filter  
3 elements each comprises a membrane bearing a  
4 polytetrafluoroethylene laminate.

1 19. A liquid separator for a gas analyzer, said  
2 liquid separator comprising:  
3 a sample inlet port;  
4 a sample outlet port;  
5 a liquid collection chamber;  
6 a separation compartment for separating liquid  
7 from the gas sample, said separation compartment  
8 having an upper outlet communicated with said sample  
9 outlet port and a lower outlet communicated with a  
10 collection chamber;  
11 a low pressure port; and

12 an outlet compartment interposed between said  
13 collection chamber and said low pressure port, said  
14 outlet compartment having an inlet communicated with  
15 said collection chamber and an outlet communicated  
16 with said low pressure port, and a gas permeable,  
17 liquid impermeable filter element contained in said  
18 outlet compartment interposed between said inlet and  
19 said outlet of said outlet compartment.

1 20. A liquid separator for a gas analyzer, said  
2 liquid separator comprising:

3 a sample inlet port;

4 a sample outlet port;

5 an inlet compartment for receiving a gas sample  
6 introduced into said sample inlet port, said inlet  
7 compartment having an upper outlet communicated with  
8 said sample outlet port and a lower outlet  
9 communicated with said collection chamber;

10 a first gas permeable, liquid impermeable filter  
11 element contained in said inlet compartment interposed  
12 between said sample inlet port and said upper outlet  
13 for separating liquid from the gas sample;

14 a liquid collection chamber receiving liquid  
15 passed through said lower outlet of said inlet trap  
16 filter compartment;

17 a low pressure port;

18 an outlet compartment interposed between said  
19 collection chamber and said low pressure port, said  
20 outlet compartment having an inlet communicated with  
21 said collection chamber and an outlet communicated  
22 with said low pressure port; and

23 a second gas permeable, liquid impermeable filter  
24 element contained in said outlet compartment

25 interposed between said inlet and said outlet of said  
26 outlet compartment.